

# HOUSE BILL 681

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By: **Delegate Ebersole**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Recovery Residence Grant Program – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Recovery Residence Grant Program within the  
4 Maryland Department of Health to provide grants to recovery residences in the  
5 State; and generally relating to the Recovery Residence Grant Program.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Health – General  
8 Section 7.5–101(a), (n), and (o) and 19–2501  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Health – General  
13 Section 19–2505  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 7.5–101.

20 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (n) “Peer support services” means a set of nonclinical activities provided by  
22 individuals in recovery from mental disorders, substance–related disorders, or addictive  
23 disorders who use their personal, lived experiences and training to support other  
24 individuals with mental disorders, substance–related disorders, or addictive disorders.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (o) "Recovery residence" means a service that:

2 (1) Provides alcohol-free and illicit-drug-free housing to individuals with  
3 substance-related disorders or addictive disorders or co-occurring mental disorders and  
4 substance-related disorders or addictive disorders; and

5 (2) Does not include clinical treatment services.

6 19-2501.

7 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

8 (b) "Certificate of compliance" means a certificate that is issued to a recovery  
9 residence by a credentialing entity.

10 (c) "Certified recovery residence" means a recovery residence that holds a  
11 certificate of compliance.

12 (d) "Credentialing entity" means a nonprofit organization that develops and  
13 administers professional certification programs according to nationally recognized  
14 certification standards.

15 (e) "Recovery residence" has the meaning stated in § 7.5-101 of this article.

16 19-2505.

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE RECOVERY RESIDENCE  
18 GRANT PROGRAM.

19 (B) (1) THERE IS A RECOVERY RESIDENCE GRANT PROGRAM IN THE  
20 DEPARTMENT.

21 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO  
22 RECOVERY RESIDENCES IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

23 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

24 (D) THE PROGRAM SHALL AWARD COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO RECOVERY  
25 RESIDENCES TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS.

26 (E) TO QUALIFY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM, A RECOVERY  
27 RESIDENCE MUST:

1           **(1) BE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE**  
2 **INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE;**

3           **(2) SUBMIT A CURRENT COPY OF THE FORM 990 THAT THE**  
4 **ORGANIZATION FILES WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE;**

5           **(3) BE CERTIFIED AS A LEVEL II RECOVERY RESIDENCE BY THE**  
6 **CREDENTIALING ENTITY;**

7           **(4) DEMONSTRATE THAT THE RECOVERY RESIDENCE HAS BEEN**  
8 **OPERATING AS A CERTIFIED RECOVERY RESIDENCE FOR THE IMMEDIATELY**  
9 **PRECEDING 5 YEARS;**

10           **(5) MAINTAIN RULES REGARDING SOBRIETY AND CONDUCT THAT**  
11 **ARE APPROVED BY THE CREDENTIALING ENTITY;**

12           **(6) MAINTAIN A ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY REGARDING SUBSTANCE**  
13 **AND ALCOHOL ABUSE WHILE LIVING AT THE RECOVERY RESIDENCE;**

14           **(7) SERVE AS A RESIDENCE FOR A MINIMUM OF:**

15                   **(I) 10 INDIVIDUALS PER DAY; AND**

16                   **(II) 30 INDIVIDUALS PER YEAR;**

17           **(8) OFFER PEER SUPPORT SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN § 7.5-101 OF**  
18 **THIS ARTICLE;**

19           **(9) REGULARLY CONDUCT MEETINGS WITH RESIDENTS ABOUT**  
20 **ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE;**

21           **(10) CONDUCT REGULAR AND RANDOM DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING**  
22 **OF RESIDENTS;**

23           **(11) DEMONSTRATE THAT AT LEAST 50% OF RESIDENTS REMAINED**  
24 **SOBER WHILE LIVING IN THE RECOVERY RESIDENCE DURING THE IMMEDIATELY**  
25 **PRECEDING 2 YEARS; AND**

26           **(12) NOT ACCEPT OR RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FROM PRIVATE**  
27 **INSURANCE OR THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

28           **(F) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH:**

- 1                   **(I) APPLICATION PROCEDURES;**  
2                   **(II) CRITERIA FOR PRIORITIZING APPLICATIONS UNDER THE**  
3 **PROGRAM;**  
4                   **(III) PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING GRANTS UNDER THE**  
5 **PROGRAM; AND**  
6                   **(IV) ANY OTHER PROCEDURES OR CRITERIA NECESSARY TO**  
7 **CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.**

8                   **(2) IN ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA UNDER THIS**  
9 **SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT THE CREDENTIALING ENTITY.**

10                   **(G) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**  
11 **ANNUAL BUDGET BILL SHALL INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 FOR THE**  
12 **PROGRAM.**

13                   **(H) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2024, THE**  
14 **DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**  
15 **2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT**  
16 **THAT INCLUDES, FOR THE MOST RECENT CLOSED FISCAL YEAR:**

17                   **(1) THE NUMBER OF GRANTS DISTRIBUTED; AND**

18                   **(2) INFORMATION ABOUT GRANT RECIPIENTS AND PROGRAMS AND**  
19 **SERVICES PROVIDED.**

20                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2023.